

Review of issues related to LC OptC – An act revising and reorganizing public records laws

In order to most efficiently address several changes to the draft and issues that have been identified since the June ELG meeting, the review of LC OptC will be structured as follows.

For each of the changes/issues identified below:

- ELG staff and members of the HJR 2 Work Group will provide background and explanation;
- Members of the public will be invited to comment on the particular issue;
- Committee members will have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions;
- The committee will determine whether and how to make any changes to the draft addressing the issue.

Changes/issues:

memo=Laura Sankey memo to ELG 9/4/2014
MNA=letter from Montana Newspaper Association 9/2/2014

1. Person/citizen access—Section 3 and throughout; memo item V
2. Privacy and security exemptions—Section 3; MNA 2
3. MHS access exemption—Section 3; memo item II; MNA 3
4. Fees—Section 4
5. MHS additional fees—Section 5; MNA 5
6. Enforcement provision—memo item I
7. Distribution lists—Section 10; memo item III, MNA 4
8. DOA confidentiality—Section 49, memo item IV

After the above changes/issues have been addressed, the committee can determine what other changes or issues it would like explained, or can direct staff to review remaining changes to the June draft not already addressed above. Public comment on any issues not addressed above will be welcomed. The committee will discuss, possibly make other specific changes, and take final action on the bill draft as a whole, and if the committee determines to endorse the draft and recommend it to the 64th Legislature, designate a sponsor from eligible members.